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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAOT: OCON, IR  
SUBJECT: DEPSEC VISIT TO NEPAL

REF: STATE 054134; STATE 054135

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GON HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF DEPSEC PLANS VISIT AREA VIA AMBASSADOR SHARMA IN WASHINGTON ( KATHMANDU 1200 AND PREVIOUS). PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS, I CALLED TODAY ON FOREIGN MINISTRY JOINT SECRETARY SHARDUL RANA, NOT SO MUCH TO CONFIRM GON CONCURRENCE FOR VISIT ( AS THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN OBTAINED), BUT TO EMPHASIZE THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT AS FEW PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE BE APPRISED OF VISIT FOR TIME BEING. ON LATTER POINT, RANA DISPLAYED COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING AND PROMISED GON COOPERATION.

2. RANA ALSO CONFIRMED THAT DURING THEIR VISIT TO NEPAL, DEPSEC RUSH AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO AND THEIR WIVES WILL BE CONSIDERED STATE GUESTS. HE STATED GON WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACCOMMODATION. HE ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION APRIL 28-29 DATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. AS FOR PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: RECREATIONAL POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE FLIGHT BY CHARTERED STOL AIRCRAFT TO EVEREST MOUNTAIN REGION AND VIRTUALLY UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES FOR FASCINATING AND UNIQUE SIGHTSEEING AROUND VALLEY. THESE OF COURSE WILL HAVE TO BE FITTED WITHIN TIME AVAILABLE AROUND SUCH RECEPTIONS, DINNERS, CALLS, ETC. AS MAY BE SCHEDULED. AMBASSADOR LAISE HAS JUST ARRIVED WASHINGTON AND CAN DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES IN DETAIL WITH INDIVIDUALS

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4. WEATHER SHOULD BE PLEASANT, WARM DURING DAYTIME AND MILD TO COOL DURING EVENING AND EARLY MORNING HOURS. LIGHT BUSINESS SUIT, BUSH- SHIRT, AND PERHAPS A PULLOVER SHOULD BE ALL WITH COMPARABLE GARB FOR LAIDES; SITUATION REQUIRES WE DO NOT CURRENTLY ANTICIPATE ANY REQUIREMENT FOR FORMAL DRESS.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF EXACT ARRIVAL TIME. ITINERARY IN STATE 51636 SAYS ETD NEW DELHI IS SATURDAY, APRIL 28, AT 0800; ETA KATHMANDU IS 1210. SINCE NORMAL JET TRAVEL TIME IS UNDER 90 MINUTES, PLEASE CORRECT OR CONFIRM.  
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